Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) A Caste-wise statement of Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the E. S. L. C. Examination of 1935 is laid on the table.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The time and labour involved in the preparation of this statement would be out of proportion to its utility.

(f) A good number of Brahmin teachers were selected as Assistant Examiners in several subjects.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether in the matter of appointing Examiners, communal considerations prevail in the department?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I said "No" in answer to part (*a*).

Transfer of Sub-Registrar Mr. K. M. Uthup.

61. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was Mr. K. M. Uthup last transferred;

(*b*) how long was he in Kottayam; and

(*c*) is it a fact that the previous Director has ordered that he should not be transferred to Kottayam?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) In Edavom 1109.

(*b*) For about 7 years.

(*c*) No.

Trespass made upon lands proposed to be assigned to encroachers.

62. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai:** With reference to the press communique, dated 30-10-1934, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how the 3,000 acres of land proposed to be assigned away to encroachers came to be trespassed upon (in spite of Revenue and Forest Officers appointed to carry out the orders of the Government);

(*b*) the names of the officers responsible for conniving at such violation of rules;

(*c*) whether orders have been issued for the eviction of trespassers;

(*d*) the number of cases in which the encroachers have been evicted;

(*e*) the names of the encroachers who have occupied 400 and more acres of land and whether these persons hold already huge extent of cardamom lands;

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(*f*) whether they are aware that, notwithstanding the admission of the encroachers that occupation is not more than two years old, lands have been assigned away on the ground that the encroachments were made prior to 1096 ;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that, subsequent to the conference held at Bhakthivilas to discuss the advisability or otherwise of evicting the encroachers, hundreds of acres have been newly encroached upon ;

(*h*) the authority of the Commissioner, Devicolam, for stating that 50,000 acres of land are still available of which 25,000 are first class ;

(*i*) whether the Government are aware that many applications from Travancoreans for plots of land in the encroached area have been received, but rejected on the ground that they were included in the prohibited area ; and

(*j*) whether it is a fact that the registry of the encroached area has been ordered with the sole object of getting some revenue?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) and (*b*) The area of Cardamom Hills Reserve is so extensive that the revenue staff stationed at the headquarters of the pakuthies could not cope with the increasing volume of detection work.

(*c*) Orders have been passed for eviction of trespassers in 582 cases.

(*d*) The encroachers have been evicted in 289 cases.

(*e*) There are no such persons.

(*f*) There are no cases in which assignments were made on the ground that the occupations began prior to 1096 notwithstanding the parties' admission that their encroachments were made only 2 years previously.

(*g*) Government are not aware of any new encroachments.

(*h*) The Commissioner reports that his statement is based on facts.

(*i*) Each application was dealt with on its merits.

(*j*) The encroachers escaped during the past several years without making any payments to Government. The realisation of capital revenue as well as tax from such people is one of the considerations which weighed with the Government.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know in what year such unlawful encroachments were noticed by the Department?

Mr. K. George : Ever since 1096 there have been encroachments and unlawful encroachments have been detected during the two years.

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Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know why the department has not been able to detect encroachments ?

Mr. K. George : That question has been answered.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know the answer ?

Mr. K. George : The area is so extensive and so much separated from one another that it is extremely difficult for a small Revenue staff to cope with the increasing volume of detection work.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Has it been brought to the notice of either Government or the Legislature that more staff is required for the department in view of the increasing volume of work ?

Mr. K. George : I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In answer to part (*a*), may I know whether any survey was conducted at all ? If so, who surveyed it and ascertained it as 3,000 ?

Mr. K. George : I have stated already that the area comes to about 4,000 acres of land and that it has not been possible with the existing staff to do the necessary work.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether there are any instances where the trespassers have not been evicted ?

Mr. K. George : Yes, there are such instances.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know why?

Mr. K. George : Steps are in progress.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : For how long ?

Mr. K. George : I cannot say.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether any registry has been made in favour of any applicant who has admitted before the Commissioner of Devicolam that his occupation was within two years ?

Mr. K. George : I cannot answer that at this moment.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Commissioner of Devicolam has recommended registry in favour of anybody whose occupation was only within the last two years ?

Mr. K. George: I cannot say.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether such instances have come to the notice of Government or the Revenue department ?

Mr. K. George : I am unable to say at present.

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